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1. CONCLUSION OF PRESIDENT'S MAY 31 STATE VISIT SCHEDULE
IN MADRID WAS STATE DINNER AT ROYAL PALACE PRESIDED OVER
BY FRANCO WITH SOME 140 GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE. FOLLOWING
DINNER GENERAL FRANCO OFFERED FOLLOWING TOAST:

"MR. PRESIDENT, IT HAS BEEN FOR ME BOTH AN HONOR
AND GREAT AFFECTION TO WELCOME HERE PRESIDENT FORD, WHOSE
HUMAN QUALITIES AND WHOSE VIRTUES AS A STATESMAN ARE
WELL KNOWN TO US ALL; HIS LONG POLITICAL RECORD
IN HIS SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY AND IN THE DEFENSE OF
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WORLD PEACE.

"IT ALSO CONSITUTES A SPECIAL PLEASURE TO MY WIFE
AND TO MYSELF THE PRESENCE AMONG US OF MRS.FORD, WHOSE
PERSONAL CHARM AND GRACE HAS CONQUERED US ALL.

"FINALLY, IT IS ALSO NOTED WITH GREATEST AFFECTION
TO HAVE HERE THE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS THAT ACCOMPANY YOU.

"DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF A CENTURY, THE RELATIONS
BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE FOLLOWED A LINE
OF CONSOLIDATION IN OUR FRIENDSHIP,OF PARTICIPATION IN
A SERIOUS OF SOMMON AIMS AND OBJECTIVES, OF THE NATION
OF VALUES THAT WE AS MEMBERS OF A FREE WORLD SHARE
TOGETHER.

"WITH YOUR VISIT NOW, YOU HAVE INTENDED TO RENEW
THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
SHOWED US ON THE OCCASION OF FORMER VISITS BY YOUR FORMER
PREDECESSORS, PRESIDENTS EISENHOWER AND NIXON.

"I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND TO YOU, MR.PRESIDENT, MY
GRATITUDE AND THAT OF THE SPANISH PEOPLE OF PROVING TO
YOU IN YOUR VISIT TO MADRID THAT SPAIN CONSTITUTES ONE
OF THE FUNDAMENTAL STOPS IN YOUR VISIT TO EUROPE, A
VISIT WHICH YOU ARE MAKING AS HEAD OF A COUNTRY WHICH
LEADS THE GROUP OF NATIONS THAT FORMS THE WESTERN WORLD.

"BEFORE THE FOREIGN THREATS THAT ARE LOOMING OVER
OUR CIVILIZATION, ON WHICH WE HAVE TO ACT NOW -- SUBVERSION
AND TERRORISM, SEEKING WITHOUT ANY DOUBT TO DESTROY OUR
WAY OF LIFE -- THE WESTERN WORLD IS IN NEED MORE THAN
EVER BEFORE FOR COHESION FOR THE DEFENSE OF VALUES THAT
ARE COMMON TO US ALL.

"IT CAN BE SAID,MR. PRESIDENT, THAT YOU WILL FIND
SPAIN A FRIEND READY TO COOPERATE IN RECIPROCITY TO
DEFEND THOSE VALUES, AS WELL AS TO KEEP PEACE AND JUSTICE
AMONG ALL NATIONS.

"NOW, MR. PRESIDENT, I RAISE MY GLASS TO THE CON-
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TINUED FRIENDSHIP OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES, TO THE PERSONAL
WELFARE OF YOURSELF AND MRS.FORD, AND TO THE PEACE AND
HAPPINESS OF THE COUNTRY IN WHOSE NAME YOU ARE HERE TODAY --
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

2. IN RESPONSE TO GENERALISIMO'S REMARKS, PRESIDENT FORD
OFFERED FOLLOWING TOAST:

"GENERALISIMO FRANCO, MRS. FRANCO, YOUR ROYAL HIGH-
NESSES, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, AND FRIENDS:

"IN 1953, OUR TWO NATIONS EMBARKED ON A NEW COURSE
DESIGNED TO INCREASE COOPERATION AND TO ENHANCE SECURITY.
OUR RELATIONSHIP IS SUCCEEDING IN ITS PURPOSES IN THE PAST
AND AT THE PRESENT TIME. THE END OF THE WEST HAS BEEN
PRESERVED. WE HAVE PROSPERED. WE HAVE PROSPERED IN A
MANNER THAT WOULD HAVE NOT BEEN EXPECTED A QUARTER OF A
CENTURY AGO. OUR NATIONS HAVE BOTH BENEFITTED.

"TODAY'S CHALLENGES, HOWEVER, ARE MUCH MORE COMPLEX.
WE MUST MAINTAIN STRONG AND CREDIBLE DEFENSES WHILE
WORKING TO LESSEN TENSION. WE LIVE IN A WORLD THAT IS
BECOMING INCREASINGLY INTERDEPENDENT; COOPERATION BECOMES

EVER MORE IMPORTANT.

"WE ARE BOTH PROUD OF OUR INDEPENDENCE, YET WE
RECOGNIZE THE NEED OF WORKING TOGETHER. EACH YEAR
MARKS INCREASING CONTACTS, INCREASING COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE SPANISH AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN A GROWING NUMBER
OF FIELDS RANGING FROM MEDICINE TO URBAN DEVELOPMENT, TO
THE ARTS, TO AGRICULTURE, TO SCIENCE AND EDUCATION.

"TO MEET THE NEEDS OF TOMORROW, WE MUST CONTINUE
OUR COOPERATION AND I KNOW THIS IS A SHARED OBJECTIVE
BETWEEN YOUR COUNTRY AND MINE. AS RECOGNIZED IN THE
1974 JOINT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, OUR JOINT ENDEAVOR
HAS STRENGTHENED THE CAUSE OF PEACE. THROUGH ITS BILATERAL
DEFENSE COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES, SPAIN IS
MAKING A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE WESTERN WORLD.

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"OTHER NATIONS OF THE TRANS-ATLANTIC COMMUNITY HAVE
BENEFITTED FROM OUR COOPERATION, THAT OF SPAIN AND THE
UNITED STATES. IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, WE ARE PRE-
PARED TO DRAW PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES FROM THESE FACTS.
WE ARE BOTH MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
CREATED TO INCREASE COOPERATION AMONG NATIONS, SUCH AS
THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY. SUCH TIES SHOULD BE
CONTINUEALLY BROADENED TO INCREASE THE STRENGTH OF EACH,
AND WE ARE DETERMINED THAT THEY WILL BE.

"YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE WARMTH OF YOUR WELCOME TODAY
AND THE HOSPITALITY OF THE PEOPLE OF SPAIN HAS BEEN VERY
IMPORTANT TO ME AND TO MY COUNTRY. THIS DELIGHTFUL DINNER
IN SUCH SPLENDID SURROUNDINGS WITH SO MANY FRIENDS HAS
BEEN THE CLIMAX OF A DAY FILLED WITH DEEPLY MOVING EXPERI-

ENCES.

"FROM THE DEMONSTRATION OF AFFECTION OF THE SPANISH PEOPLE WHO GREETED US TODAY, TO RENEWING FRIENDSHIPS WITH YOU AND PRICE CARLOS, AND EXCHANGING IDEAS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A MOST PROFITABLE WAY, WITH PRESIDENT ARIAS NAVARRO, EACH WERE VERY REWARDING EXPERIENCES.

"THEY ARE ELOQUENT TESTIMONY TO THE DEPTH OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

"I LIFT MY GLASS TO SPAIN AND TO THE UNITED STATES, TO OUR GROWING FRIENDSHIP IN THE YEARS AHEAD, TO GENERALISIMO FRANCO, TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE JUAN CARLOS, AND TO THE SPANISH PEOPLE."
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